

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Statement of Condolences and Congratulations to the Islamic Ummah on the Martyrdom of Sheikh Abu Yayha al-Libi, May Allah Have Mercy on Him

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Universe, who said:

﴿وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَفَرِحِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِن فَضْلِهِ وَيَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِم مِّنْ خَلْفِهِمْ أَلَّا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِنِعْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

"Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord. They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah: And with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them (in their bliss), the (Martyrs) glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they (cause to) grieve. They glory in the Grace and the bounty from Allah, and in the fact that Allah suffereth not the reward of the Faithful to be lost (in the least)." (Aal-e-Imran: 169-171)

And may prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, his companions, and those who follow him. Thereafter:

Our hearts bleed and our eyes shed tears for the passing of our beloved preaching Mujahid scholar Sheikh Abu Yahya al-Libi, may Allah have wide mercy upon him and accept him among the martyrs. He was a model and example to the Ummah, a man who put Jihad for the sake of Allah above all else. Even with the cowardly drones of the kufaar flying over him, our Sheikh feared no one but Allah the Almighty and waged Jihad with his tongue, his pen, and himself, and may Allah give him the greatest of rewards for his efforts and make him reside with the martyrs in the Gardens of Paradise.

And the Ummah is fortunate that the Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, has recorded his speeches and lectures, so that future generations of the Ummah can continue to benefit from his knowledge and teachings. When the Sheikh lectured, his voice was strong with the truth in whatever he articulated, and his explanations were clear and informed. He was truly among the best scholars, and we praise Allah the Almighty for granting the Ummah this lion of knowledge and for spreading the Sheikh's sweet voice across the world to inform each and every Muslim of his obligations and duties for Jihad for the sake of Allah.

And our beloved Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, showed true courage in the face of the kufaar. He was able, with Allah's permission, to escape the prisons of the Crusaders in Afghanistan and could have chosen to hide himself from the kufaar who were looking for him and posted his picture all over the world as a wanted man. But his love for Allah and his Ummah made him instead increase his visibility and work to educate and inform his brothers and sisters to tell them the things that the Crusaders and their apostate agents didn't want them to hear. No, rather than hiding, the Sheikh shined like a bright light, blinding the Crusaders and guiding the Ummah along the straight path in order to do what pleases Allah.

Our beloved Sheikh has departed, and we are sad, but we congratulate the Islamic Ummah. Our Sheikh, may Allah have mercy on him, achieved what he desired, and his blood has marked the path upon which we continue to follow him. So O Ummah, follow the example of your Sheikh and walk down his path, and fear nothing but Allah the Almighty who said:

﴿وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَن يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِن لَّا تَشْعُرُونَ وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُم بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ
وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُم مُّصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ﴾

"And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah: 'They are dead.' Nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not. Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, Who say, when afflicted with calamity: 'To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return.'" (Al-Baqara: 154-156)

And our final prayer is praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Universe, and may Allah's prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad and all of his family and companions.

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